



Statewide Tornado Drill
Tuesday March 11th, 2014
@9:45am

A Tornado Is . . .

A powerful, circular windstorm that may be accompanied by winds in excess of 250 miles per hour.

Risks Posed by Tornadoes

Tornadoes can:

- Rip trees apart.
- Destroy buildings.
- Uproot structures and objects.
- Send debris and glass flying.
- Overturn cars and mobile homes.



Fujita Wind-Damage Scale

- Measures tornado strength
- Six levels:
 - > EF-0: Light damage
 - ➤ EF-1: Moderate damage
 - > EF-2: Considerable damage
 - > EF-3: Severe damage
 - > EF-4: Devastating damage
 - > EF-5: Incredible damage



Tornado Preparedness

- Know the risks--Identify a "safe" room.
- Listen to a weather radio, purchase a weather app or listen to local media for instant alerts
- Sign up for Norfolk's emergency warning system
 <u>www.Nixle.com</u>
- Conduct family tornado drills.



Tornado Clues

- High winds
- Very large hail



During a Tornado . . .

- Keep windows and doors closed.
- Go to the "safe" room.
- Listen to EAS or NOAA Weather Radio. Click on this weather link:
- NOAA Weather Radio

